

Amendment to the Drawings

New FIG. 25 is being added to further diagrammatically illustrate the interaction of the clip in the clip channels/grooves of the jaws already shown, for example, in FIGS. 4 to 9.

Attachment: New Drawing Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The instant application is one of three divisional applications that were filed on December 6, 2001. In the pending "sister" application having serial no. 10/010,244, a new drawing figure was added on February 13, 2004. This amendment indicated that the new drawing, FIG. 25, was included merely to further diagrammatically illustrate interaction of a clip in clip channels or grooves of the jaws, which features were already shown, for example, in FIGS. 4 to 9. Corresponding text was added to the Description of the Drawings and to the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments.

No new matter was added by the inclusion of the drawing figure or the inclusion of the explanatory text.

The Examiner entered this amendment without comment and it remains within the sister application to date.

The instant amendment seeks to add the same drawing figure and the same corresponding text to the instant application.

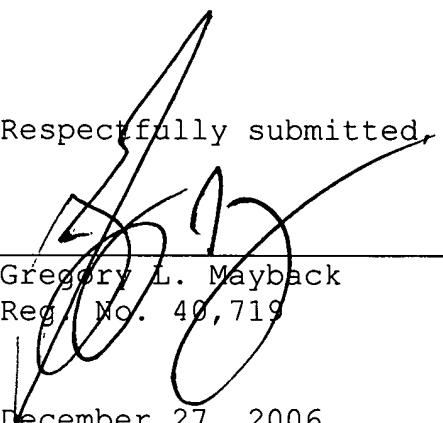
Entry of the instant amendment by the Examiner is kindly requested.

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